

**Amendments to the Claims:**

Before claim 1 on amended page 29 insert --We claim:--

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Original) A formulation comprising at least one active or at least one ingredient, and a plurality of micro-capsules formed from a plurality of micro-organisms and having at least one flavouring encapsulated and passively retained within said micro-capsules, said flavouring not being a natural constituent of said micro-organisms, said micro-capsules having:

- (a) an at least substantially intact cell wall; and
- (b) an intact cell membrane;

wherein said at least one active or said at least one ingredient is foul-tasting and said at least one flavouring masks, disguises or neutralises the foul-taste of said at least one active or said at least one ingredient, preventing a patient to whom said formulation is orally administered from tasting said foul-tasting active, or causing the flavour of said foul tasting at least one active or ingredient to be reduced such that it is more palatable.

2. (Original) A formulation according to claim 1, said at least one active or said at least one ingredient being encapsulated and passively retained within said micro-capsules, said at least one active or said at least one ingredient not being a natural constituent of said microorganisms.

3. (Currently Amended) A formulation according to either one of claims 1-~~or~~2, wherein said formulation additionally comprises an at least one additional flavouring.
4. (Currently Amended) A formulation according to ~~any one of~~ claims 1-3, in which said at least one flavouring or said at least one additional flavouring is selected from the group consisting of : essential oils, aroma chemicals, natural essences, natural extracts, sweeteners, artificial flavourings, natural flavourings, pharmaceutical flavourings, or nature identical flavourings.
5. (Currently Amended) A formulation according to ~~any one of~~ claims 1-4, wherein said at least one flavouring or said at least one additional flavouring additionally comprises ammonium glycyrrhizinate and/or polyvinylpyrrolidone.
6. (Currently Amended) A formulation according to ~~any one of~~ claims 1-5, selected from the group consisting of : mouthwash, toothpaste, solution, suspension, gel, paste, powder, aerosol, tablet, chewable tablet, capsules, spray, lozenge, linctus, syrup, chewing gum, boiled sweet, or compressed sweet.
7. (Previously Presented) The use of an at least one flavouring in the manufacture of a formulation, said formulation comprising an at least one active or at least one ingredient, and a plurality of micro-capsules formed from a plurality of micro-organisms, said micro-capsules having:
  - (a) an at least substantially intact cell wall; and
  - (b) an intact cell membrane;

said at least one flavouring being encapsulated and passively retained within said microcapsules, said flavouring not being a natural constituent of said micro-organisms, wherein said at least one active or said at least one ingredient is foul-tasting and said at least one flavouring masks, disguises or neutralises the foul-taste of said at least one active or said at least one ingredient, preventing a patient to whom said formulation is orally administered from tasting said foul-tasting active, or causing the flavour of said foul-tasting at least one active or ingredient to be reduced such that it is more palatable.

8. (Previously Presented) A method of manufacture of a formulation, said formulation comprising at least one active or at least one ingredient, and a plurality of micro-capsules formed from a plurality of micro-organisms and having at least one flavouring encapsulated and passively retained within said micro-capsules, said micro-capsules having:

- (a) an at least substantially intact cell wall; and
- (b) an intact cell membrane;

said flavouring not being a natural constituent of said micro-organisms, wherein said at least one active or said at least one ingredient is foul-tasting and said at least one flavouring masks, disguises or neutralises the foul-taste of said at least one active or said at least one ingredient, preventing a patient to whom said formulation is orally administered from tasting said foul-tasting active, or causing the flavour of said foul-tasting at least one active or ingredient to be reduced such that it is more palatable, comprising the steps of :

(i) contacting said micro-organisms with said at least one flavouring, said at least one flavouring being capable of diffusing into the cell wall of said micro-organism without causing total lysisation thereof, whereby said at least one flavouring is absorbed by said micro-organisms by diffusion across the cell wall and is retained passively within said micro-organism to produce a plurality of micro-capsules containing said at least one flavouring,

(ii) formulating said micro-capsules with said at least one active or ingredient.

9. (Previously Presented) A method of manufacture of a formulation according to claim 8, wherein said micro-organisms are additionally contacted with an at least one active or an at least one ingredient, wherein said at least one active or said at least one ingredient is foul-tasting, and is not a natural constituent of said micro-organisms, said at least one active or said at least one ingredient being encapsulated and passively retained within said micro-capsules.

10. (Currently Amended) A method of manufacture of a formulation according to ~~either one of claims 8 or 9~~, wherein said formulation additionally comprises an at least one additional flavouring.

11. (Currently Amended) A method of manufacture of a formulation according to ~~any one of claims 8-10~~ wherein said at least one flavouring or said at least one additional flavouring additionally comprises ammonium glycyrrhizinate and/or polyvinylpyrrolidone.

12. (Currently Amended) A formulation according to ~~any one of claims 1, 6 or a method of manufacture of a formulation according to any one of claims 8-11~~ wherein said micro-organism is selected from the group consisting of: fungus, bacterium, alga and protozoa.

13. (Currently Amended) A formulation according to ~~any one of claims 1, 6 or a method of manufacture of a formulation according to any one of claims 8-11~~ wherein said micro-organism is a yeast selected from the taxonomic order *Endomycetales*.

14. (New) A method of manufacture according to claim 6, wherein said micro-organism is selected from the group consisting of: fungus, bacterium, alga and protozoa.

15. (New) A method of manufacture according to claim 6, wherein said micro-organism is a yeast selected from the taxonomic order *Endomycetales*.